INDIAN STATE MEASURES ARE ANTI-CHRISTIAN.

The State of Travancore, Southern India, has adopted certain anti-Christian measures which, though given prominence in the "Herald". Calcutta Catholic Weekly newspaper have been ignored or played down by other Christian-owned papers.

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The 17 elected Christian members of the legislature, after appealing against inadequate Christian representation in the public services and against regulations concerning the building of churches and cemeteries, were asked to resign. On their refusal, the legislature was dissolved by Government order.

The Muslim and the two powerful Hindu parties have now joined forces to push the Christians out completely in the general election.

The Government of India and the Government of England will have their attention drawn to this matter and I am sure that this paper which is the official organ of Catholics of Britain who are above suspicion and which is responsible for the circulation of a propaganda on such mendacious lines will withdraw what it has stated without reservation.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI: In view of the statement by the Chair, I do not wish to pursue the matter.

PRESIDENT: After the statement from the Chair I would appeal to the honourable member not to speak; not that I want to curtail the freedom of speech of the honourable members. The report is, no doubt, a tissue of false and unadulterated lies and it is a matter in which Government are taking official action and will probably address the Government of India and the Government of England to take the necessary steps so that the paper may disown publicly the statement it has made.

INACCURACIES IN NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : സർ, ഇവിടത്തെ പ്രസംഗങ്ങൾ റിപ്പോർട്ട ചെയ്യുന്ന രീതിയെക്കുറിച്ച് ഒരു സ്റ്റേറ്റുമെൻറു പറയുവാൻ ഞാൻ ആഗ്ര ഹിക്കുന്നു.

ന—ാംതീയതി ഞാൻ ചെയ്ത ബഡ്ജറു പ്രസംഗം ഇ-ാം തീയ തിയിലെ കോട്ടയത്തെ ഒരു പ്രധാനപത്രമായ ദീപിക' യിൽ വളരെ തെറ്റായി റിപ്പോർട്ട ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നു. ഒരു മെംബറിൻെറ പ്രസംഗം മുഴുവനുമായി ഒരു പത്രത്തിൽ റിപ്പോർട്ട ചെയ്യാനുള്ള പ്രയാസം എനി ക്കറിയാം. ശരി ചെയ്തില്ലെങ്കിലും, തെറ്റു ചെയ്യാതിരുന്നാൽ മതിയായി രുന്നു. എൻെറ പ്രസംഗം വിലക്ഷണമാക്കി, വികലമാക്കി, ഉദ്ദേശ്യ ശുദ്ധികെടുത്തിയാണെന്നു സംശയിക്കത്തക്ക മാതിരിയിൽ... .....

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PRESIDENT: Does the honourable member complain against any newspaper of misreporting his speech?

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Then the honourable member may give in his complaint to the Secretary. What is the name of the newspaper of which he is complaining?

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: "Deepika".

PRESIDENT: Then the honourable member will give his complaint about the inaccuracy of his speech to the Secretary. The newspaper will be asked about it and then I shall deal with the matter.

MR. M. R. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Sir, the newspaper "Bharathi" in its issue of the 19th August 1944 published an incorrect report of my speech in the Assembly reviewing the Budget. The paper reported me as having said.

"ഉത്തരവാദിത്വമുള്ള ഉത്തരവാദം ചെയ്യുന്നതും നിയമസഭയോട് ഉത്തരവാദം ചെയ്യാത്തതും ആയ മന്ത്രിഭരണം തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ നടപ്പാക്കണം"

In the course of my speech I had appealed for a Ministry which should be responsible to the Ruler if not responsible to the Legislature. This report was brought to my notice on the morning of the 21st instant, a few minutes before the Assembly met. Before I could raise the matter in the House the Reporter of the "Bharathi" came to my seat in the Assembly and pleaded with me not to mention it in the House, promising me that a correct version of my speech would appear in the press the same evening. He also asked me for a copy of my speech so that the correct version might be published. I gave him a copy as requested by him and as a matter of courtesy. During lunch time, the Reporter of another paper came to me saying that he too had unfortunately sent an inaccurate report supplied to him by the Reporter of the "Bharathi". He also promised an immediate correction in his paper. I waited for three days and found no correction published in the "Bharathi". It was then that I brought the matter to the notice of the House on the 24th instant as I did not want an incorrect statement to lie in the country as it is. The Editor of the "Bharathi" has since published a statement in his paper of the 24th instant. It is not true that I had sent him a copy of my speech to be published in full. It is equally incorrect to say that any brother of mine approached the Editor on my behalf to publish my speech. The simple fact as I have already stated is that I gave the Reporter of the "Bharathi" a copy of my speech at his own request as a matter of courtesy.

PRESIDENT: How do these things concern the House? No doubt, an inaccurate report of honourable members is a matter that has to be brought to the notice of the Chair. But the discussion between the honourable member and the various editors is a matter which this House cannot deal with.

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MR. M. R. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: Yes, Sir, I admit. I understand that you asked me for a statement on this matter.

PRESIDENT: Yes, the honourable member can make his statement.

MR. M. R. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: Shall I place it on the table of the Secretary or may I read it?

PRESIDENT: Notwithstanding the honourable member giving a copy of the mutilated version of his speech to the Secretary, he is at liberty to make a statement in writing about that and ask the Chair to deal with the newspaper concerned. That is what I am asking the honourable member to do.

MR. M. R. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: Then I shall place a statement in the hands of the Secretary.

PROCEDURE REGARDING MOVING OF CUT MOTIONS—RULING OF THE PRESIDENT.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Before we proceed with the business for the day, I rise to a point of order. The other day the ruling given was that if there were more than one cut motion and if one cut motion was voted upon all the other motions lapsed.

PRESIDENT: Under that heading.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Yes, Sir. But if the motion is withdrawn with the permission of the House, the position is changed. There is a ruling to the effect that if a motion is withdrawn, all the other motions under that head are in order and can be discussed. Now the procedure here is to call upon honourable members to talk on the first motion. So if the first motion is withdrawn, all the other honourable members who have sent cut motions under that particular item lose their right of making speeches and pressing for division.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: On the point that when a motion is voted upon all the cut motions under that head lapse there have been specific rulings. On the other point there has not been a specific ruling. I would also bring to the attention of the Chair the ruling reported in Vol. 12 page 676 and Vol. 14 pages 524-525 of the Travancore Assembly Proceedings.

I would quote the following paragraph :—

> "The matter deserves more consideration. I do not propose to give a ruling except to allow the consideration of the motion without prejudice to the ruling referred to. The matter is of great importance and honourable members will remember that it also affects the privileges of the House. If we are to stop with the decision of one motion under one heading then the department becomes absolutely safe from any attack under any other topic. The question has to be well considered before I give a ruling."

Subsequently the Chair has not given a ruling on this matter. I may submit that when once a motion is either withdrawn or not voted upon due to some cause or other, it would be better to allow the subsequent motions to be discussed. When a motion is voted upon, all the

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